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REPORT ON DRILLING ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES

SUMMARY

March 1984

WELLS REPORTED FOR THE PERIOD:* February 25, 1984 through March 30, 1984

	DEVELOPMENT		EXPLORATORY		TOTAL WELLS	
	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent
Oil Wells	3,758	56.4	334	19.1	4,092	48.7
Gas Wells	1,209	18.2	164	9.4	1,373	16.3
Dry Holes	1,689	25.4	1,252	71.5	2,941	35.0
Total Wells**	6,656	100.0	1,750	100.0	8,406	100.0
Total Previous Year	6,058		1,612		7,670	

*Data contained in this report are for completed wells reported to the API in the current time period. These should not be regarded as wells drilled during this interim. Because of the differences in definitions and timing, and the inherent time-lag in reporting completions, well completions will not track the rotary rig count on a concurrent basis.

**Excluding Stratigraphic and Core Tests and Service Wells.

NOTE: Monthly data are tabulated from reports received from API Respondents. They are subject to reclassification on the basis of review by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists--Committee on Statistics of Drilling (AAPG-CSD). Corrections subsequently received from API Respondents, and revisions in well classification provided by the AAPG-CSD will be incorporated in quarterly and annual summaries. Therefore, monthly data will not necessarily agree with cumulative totals subsequently published during the year. The geographic distribution of wells and footage for development wells is not published separately on a monthly basis.

TABLE I

TOTAL WELLS DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

MARCH 1984

STATE OR DISTRICT	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS EXCLUDING SERVICE WELLS, STRATIGRAPHIC & CORE TESTS	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
ALABAMA - ONSHORE	1	13,080	9	27,774	11	63,796	21	104,650
ALABAMA - TOTAL	1	13,080	9	27,774	11	63,796	21	104,650
ALASKA - ONSHORE	6	48,705					6	48,705
ALASKA - TOTAL	6	48,705					6	48,705
ARIZONA					1	1,425	1	1,425
ARKANSAS	39	156,490	15	72,486	39	206,032	93	435,008
CALIFORNIA - NORTH			9	68,799	7	41,914	16	110,713
CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL COASTAL	15	58,610					15	58,610
CALIFORNIA - EAST CENTRAL	168	278,986	1	4,200	4	16,546	173	299,732
CALIFORNIA - SOUTH	9	55,907					9	55,907
CALIFORNIA - OFFSHORE	9	51,119			1	4,591	10	55,710
CALIFORNIA - TOTAL	201	444,622	10	72,999	12	63,051	223	580,672
COLORADO	50	325,041	50	338,354	50	248,833	150	912,228
FLORIDA - ONSHORE					1	11,550	1	11,550
FLORIDA - TOTAL					1	11,550	1	11,550
GEORGIA - ONSHORE					1	4,202	1	4,202
GEORGIA - TOTAL					1	4,202	1	4,202
IDAHO					1	2,017	1	2,017
ILLINOIS	210	521,380	3	1,156	105	189,706	318	712,242
INDIANA	22	44,167	3	5,622	30	60,697	55	110,486
KANSAS	348	1,060,807	31	93,968	294	1,106,979	673	2,261,754
KENTUCKY	492	589,701	57	98,423	809	1,063,669	1,358	1,751,793
LOUISIANA - NORTH	218	466,157	48	193,422	94	333,232	360	992,811
LOUISIANA - SOUTH	47	384,382	25	295,223	76	827,889	148	1,507,494
LOUISIANA - OFFSHORE	31	339,119	12	131,538	39	394,605	82	865,262
LOUISIANA - TOTAL	296	1,189,658	85	620,183	209	1,555,726	590	3,365,567
MICHIGAN	21	81,628	3	11,078	37	167,618	61	260,324
MISSISSIPPI - ONSHORE	12	97,822	5	32,258	33	306,295	50	436,375
MISSISSIPPI- TOTAL	12	97,822	5	32,258	33	306,295	50	436,375
MISSOURI	8	4,591			1	600	9	5,191
MONTANA	20	143,907	7	22,083	16	125,592	43	291,582
NEBRASKA	12	49,292			26	126,766	38	176,058
NEVADA	1	7,645					1	7,645
NEW MEXICO - EAST	57	284,828	23	182,389	18	99,427	98	566,644
NEW MEXICO - WEST	13	86,882	46	291,130	7	30,300	66	408,312
NEW MEXICO - TOTAL	70	371,710	69	473,519	25	129,727	164	974,956
NEW YORK	3	5,679	59	198,639			62	204,318
NORTH DAKOTA	24	247,619	1	13,920	17	169,876	42	431,415
OHIO	97	283,688	235	925,931	25	59,340	357	1,268,959
OKLAHOMA	520	2,128,400	197	1,181,468	333	1,609,624	1,050	4,919,492
PENNSYLVANIA	75	109,410	48	183,993	3	7,679	126	301,082
SOUTH DAKOTA								
TENNESSEE	6	9,464	17	26,140	17	33,005	40	68,609
TEXAS RRC DIST. 1	149	426,657	16	97,439	61	246,996	226	771,092
TEXAS RRC DIST. 2	25	144,006	30	188,598	44	286,860	99	619,464
TEXAS RRC DIST. 3	115	841,444	25	235,195	104	768,625	244	1,845,264
TEXAS RRC DIST. 4	29	200,668	47	404,942	65	440,804	141	1,046,414
TEXAS RRC DIST. 5	51	77,752	13	142,684	12	65,216	76	285,652
TEXAS RRC DIST. 6	44	226,442	35	339,802	21	165,158	100	731,402
TEXAS RRC DIST. 7B	245	715,827	60	197,470	150	502,107	455	1,415,404
TEXAS RRC DIST. 7C	115	638,981	33	216,339	43	201,823	191	1,057,143
TEXAS RRC DIST. 8	156	922,152	4	31,222	28	202,710	188	1,156,084
TEXAS RRC DIST. 8A	143	819,450	2	9,534	40	308,333	185	1,137,317
TEXAS RRC DIST. 9	236	739,244	35	177,528	180	620,870	451	1,537,642
TEXAS RRC DIST. 10	133	618,145	32	231,082	18	122,642	183	971,869
TEXAS - OFFSHORE	1	6,500	2	23,966	7	78,380	10	108,846
TEXAS - TOTAL	1,442	6,377,268	334	2,295,801	773	4,010,524	2,549	12,683,593
UTAH	28	159,536	12	65,542	12	53,376	52	278,454
VIRGINIA								
WEST VIRGINIA	8	30,552	109	488,765	2	15,615	119	534,932
WYOMING	80	442,083	14	137,865	53	383,165	147	963,113
OFFSHORE FEDERAL WATERS GULF OF MEXICO - NORTHERN PACIFIC COAST					5	47,547	5	47,547
TOTAL FOR MARCH 1984	4,092	14,943,945	1,373	7,387,967	2,941	11,824,032	8,406	34,155,944
TOTAL FOR MARCH 1983	3,433	13,505,826	1,607	8,788,830	2,630	11,915,575	7,670	34,210,231

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MARCH 1984

STRATIGRAPHIC AND CORE TESTS		SERVICE WELLS		TOTAL WELLS ALL TYPES MARCH 1984		TOTAL WELLS[4] ALL TYPES MARCH 1983		
WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	STATE OR DISTRICT
				21	104,650	19	76,395	ALABAMA - ONSHORE
				21	10[illegible]70	19	76,395	ALABAMA - TOTAL
		2	19,545	8	6[illegible]0	35	284,491	ALASKA - ONSHORE
		2	19,545	8	[illegible]50	35	284,491	ALASKA - TOTAL
				1	1,425	2	8,122	ARIZONA
		4	17,297	97	452,305	105	442,723	ARKANSAS
				16	110,713	8	74,843	CALIFORNIA - NORTH
				15	58,610	9	47,640	CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL COASTAL
		12	17,867	185	317,599	323	978,388	CALIFORNIA - EAST CENTRAL
				9	55,907	31	116,564	CALIFORNIA - SOUTH
		1	7,210	11	62,920	38	147,785	CALIFORNIA - OFFSHORE
		13	25,077	236	605,749	409	1,365,220	CALIFORNIA - TOTAL
				150	912,228	176	980,757	COLORADO
				1	11,550			FLORIDA - ONSHORE
				1	11,550			FLORIDA - TOTAL
				1	4,202			GEORGIA - ONSHORE
				1	4,202			GEORGIA - TOTAL
				1	2,017			IDAHO
		1	2,504	319	714,746	211	505,992	ILLINOIS
		6	7,289	61	117,775	79	160,652	INDIANA
		25	69,956	698	2,331,710	841	2,027,760	KANSAS
		63	78,233	1,421	1,830,026	473	662,708	KENTUCKY
		14	38,170	374	1,030,981	342	892,121	LOUISIANA - NORTH
				148	1,307,494	90	982,081	LOUISIANA - SOUTH
				82	865,262	45	418,300	LOUISIANA - OFFSHORE
		14	38,170	604	3,403,737	377	2,292,502	LOUISIANA - TOTAL
				61	260,324	102	439,333	MICHIGAN
				50	436,375	55	486,718	MISSISSIPPI - ONSHORE
				50	436,375	55	486,718	MISSISSIPPI- TOTAL
1	225	5	1,553	15	6,969	41	17,493	MISSOURI
				43	291,582	56	248,020	MONTANA
				38	176,058	41	195,269	NEBRASKA
				1	7,645			NEVADA
		9	39,794	107	606,438	127	723,515	NEW MEXICO - EAST
				66	408,312	81	310,664	NEW MEXICO - WEST
		9	39,794	173	1,014,750	208	1,034,179	NEW MEXICO - TOTAL
				62	204,318	42	153,144	NEW YORK
				42	431,415	70	679,937	NORTH DAKOTA
				357	1,268,959	367	1,215,527	OHIO
3	1,285			1,053	4,920,777	1,006	5,099,344	OKLAHOMA
		3	4,414	129	305,496	110	355,282	PENNSYLVANIA
						11	35,252	SOUTH DAKOTA
				40	68,609	112	157,215	TENNESSEE
				226	771,092	189	611,500	TEXAS RRC DIST. 1
				99	619,464	35	245,800	TEXAS RRC DIST. 2
				244	1,865,264	222	1,834,863	TEXAS RRC DIST. 3
				141	1,046,414	172	1,303,156	TEXAS RRC DIST. 4
				76	285,652	29	191,797	TEXAS RRC DIST. 5
				100	731,402	112	819,797	TEXAS RRC DIST. 6
		6	19,027	461	1,434,431	408	1,292,600	TEXAS RRC DIST. 7B
				191	1,057,143	218	1,143,218	TEXAS RRC DIST. 7C
		3	8,139	191	1,164,223	317	1,729,765	TEXAS RRC DIST. 8
		19	80,328	204	1,217,645	161	888,966	TEXAS RRC DIST. 8A
		9	18,761	460	1,556,403	313	1,544,179	TEXAS RRC DIST. 9
				183	971,869	61	363,241	TEXAS RRC DIST. 10
				10	108,846	34	349,993	TEXAS - OFFSHORE
		37	126,255	2,586	12,809,848	2,471	12,318,875	TEXAS - TOTAL
				52	278,454	64	447,986	UTAH
						2	6,909	VIRGINIA
				119	534,932	229	1,075,531	WEST VIRGINIA
				147	963,113	200	1,182,818	WYOMING
								OFFSHORE FEDERAL WATERS
				5	47,547	5	63,716	GULF OF MEXICO - NORTHERN
						3	18,020	PACIFIC COAST
4	1,510	182	430,087	8,592	34,587,541	7,922	34,837,890	TOTAL FOR MARCH 1984
15	8,647	237	619,012	7,922	34,837,890			TOTAL FOR MARCH 1983

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MARCH 1984

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	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
ALABAMA - ONSHORE	1	13,080	2	7,111	7	40,229
ALABAMA - TOTAL	1	13,080	2	7,111	7	40,229
ARIZONA					1	1,425
ARKANSAS	3	14,509	1	2,888	15	80,585
CALIFORNIA - NORTH			4	33,669	4	17,566
CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL COASTAL						
CALIFORNIA - EAST CENTRAL	1	1,342			2	14,048
CALIFORNIA - TOTAL	1	1,342	4	33,669	6	31,614
COLORADO	6	38,302	5	28,752	31	147,480
GEORGIA - ONSHORE					1	4,202
GEORGIA - TOTAL					1	4,202
IDAHO					1	2,017
ILLINOIS	15	40,645	1	398	68	90,799
INDIANA	3	6,525	2	3,820	17	34,149
KANSAS	46	162,476	5	21,947	126	509,579
KENTUCKY	141	158,756	25	42,652	380	518,615
LOUISIANA - NORTH	2	10,560			9	43,980
LOUISIANA - SOUTH	1	15,000	5	69,252	20	249,423
LOUISIANA - OFFSHORE	1	11,340			18	195,836
LOUISIANA - TOTAL	4	36,900	5	69,252	47	489,239
MICHIGAN	1	1,968	2	4,183	23	96,454
MISSISSIPPI - ONSHORE	4	34,115	2	6,570	20	192,313
MISSISSIPPI- TOTAL	4	34,115	2	6,570	20	192,313
MISSOURI						
MONTANA	4	45,192	2	11,271	10	84,945
NEBRASKA					18	81,625
NEVADA	1	7,645				
NEW MEXICO - EAST	3	29,437	2	16,720	12	70,914
NEW MEXICO - WEST	1	5,520	2	2,639	3	14,267
NEW MEXICO - TOTAL	4	34,957	4	19,359	15	85,181
NEW YORK	1	2,870	2	6,722		
NORTH DAKOTA	6	54,671	1	13,920	7	76,876
OHIO			4	22,789	3	6,885
OKLAHOMA	9	49,032	8	67,089	54	354,147
PENNSYLVANIA	1	802	5	23,795	1	5,852
SOUTH DAKOTA						
TENNESSEE	5	7,984	12	17,380	15	31,555
TEXAS RRC DIST. 1	8	50,780	4	18,116	36	146,093
TEXAS RRC DIST. 2	4	33,603	9	53,046	19	134,036
TEXAS RRC DIST. 3	3	24,440	6	62,147	23	231,340
TEXAS RRC DIST. 4	12	85,804	23	190,871	29	217,345
TEXAS RRC DIST. 5			1	7,900	7	53,042
TEXAS RRC DIST. 6	2	19,660	3	23,689	10	86,919
TEXAS RRC DIST. 7B	14	62,870	11	34,297	83	310,076
TEXAS RRC DIST. 7C	5	20,072	1	6,712	26	111,058
TEXAS RRC DIST. 8	2	22,197			11	93,437
TEXAS RRC DIST. 8A	8	49,857			35	286,618
TEXAS RRC DIST. 9	10	62,138	5	24,724	57	293,622
TEXAS RRC DIST. 10			2	19,765		
TEXAS - OFFSHORE			1	12,345	7	78,380
TEXAS - TOTAL	68	431,421	66	453,612	343	2,041,966
UTAH	2	7,976	2	9,408	8	50,358
WEST VIRGINIA	2	8,037	3	14,734	1	10,598
WYOMING	6	52,569	1	9,815	32	242,573
OFFSHORE FEDERAL WATERS						
GULF OF MEXICO - NORTHERN					2	20,136
PACIFIC COAST						
TOTAL FOR MARCH 1984	334	1,211,774	164	891,136	1,252	5,331,397
TOTAL FOR MARCH 1983	255	1,250,608	226	1,338,198	1,131	5,801,451

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WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	STATE OR DISTRICT
10	60,420	8	43,307	ALABAMA - ONSHORE
10	60,420	8	43,307	ALABAMA - TOTAL
1	1,425	1	2,932	ARIZONA
19	97,982	17	76,146	ARKANSAS
8	51,235	7	67,543	CALIFORNIA - NORTH
		1	3,000	CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL COASTAL
3	15,390	8	56,500	CALIFORNIA - EAST CENTRAL
11	66,625	16	127,043	CALIFORNIA - TOTAL
42	214,534	65	372,191	COLORADO
1	4,202			GEORGIA - ONSHORE
1	4,202			GEORGIA - TOTAL
1	2,017			IDAHO
84	131,842	58	119,231	ILLINOIS
22	44,494	35	75,122	INDIANA
177	694,002	186	755,456	KANSAS
546	720,023	167	240,904	KENTUCKY
11	54,540	19	94,474	LOUISIANA - NORTH
26	333,675	14	179,650	LOUISIANA - SOUTH
19	207,176	22	212,255	LOUISIANA - OFFSHORE
56	595,391	55	486,379	LOUISIANA - TOTAL
26	102,605	46	213,973	MICHIGAN
26	232,998	21	204,115	MISSISSIPPI - ONSHORE
26	232,998	21	204,115	MISSISSIPPI- TOTAL
		9	5,296	MISSOURI
16	141,408	22	140,482	MONTANA
18	81,625	21	111,837	NEBRASKA
1	7,645			NEVADA
17	117,071	19	117,877	NEW MEXICO - EAST
6	22,426	9	26,477	NEW MEXICO - WEST
23	139,497	28	144,354	NEW MEXICO - TOTAL
3	9,592	4	17,708	NEW YORK
14	145,467	28	281,633	NORTH DAKOTA
7	29,674	18	74,774	OHIO
71	470,263	63	486,178	OKLAHOMA
7	30,449	7	31,610	PENNSYLVANIA
		9	22,597	SOUTH DAKOTA
32	56,919	86	124,320	TENNESSEE
48	214,989	24	92,692	TEXAS RRC DIST. 1
32	220,685	25	188,483	TEXAS RRC DIST. 2
32	317,927	56	535,461	TEXAS RRC DIST. 3
64	494,020	74	612,762	TEXAS RRC DIST. 4
8	60,942	7	60,449	TEXAS RRC DIST. 5
15	130,268	18	115,425	TEXAS RRC DIST. 6
108	407,243	117	440,845	TEXAS RRC DIST. 7B
32	137,842	50	267,973	TEXAS RRC DIST. 7C
13	115,634	32	275,706	TEXAS RRC DIST. 8
43	336,475	25	183,623	TEXAS RRC DIST. 8A
72	380,484	82	449,379	TEXAS RRC DIST. 9
2	19,765			TEXAS RRC DIST. 10
8	90,725	27	276,471	TEXAS - OFFSHORE
477	2,926,999	537	3,499,271	TEXAS - TOTAL
12	67,742	24	164,894	UTAH
6	33,369	16	88,634	WEST VIRGINIA
39	304,957	57	398,134	WYOMING
				OFFSHORE FEDERAL WATERS
2	20,136	5	63,716	GULF OF MEXICO - NORTHERN
		3	15,020	PACIFIC COAST
1,750	7,434,307	1,612	8,390,257	TOTAL FOR MARCH 1984
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